

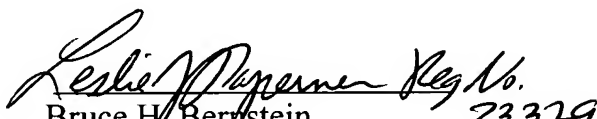
18. (Amended-Clean Copy) The content playback apparatus according to claim 17 that, when content is distributed in package units in which related content is collected, using the metadata correspondence management file containing correspondence between an identifier of said package and an identifier of a metadata file corresponding thereto, acquires a metadata file corresponding to said package.

REMARKS

By the above amendment, claims 16 and 18 have been amended to delete multiple dependency.

If there should be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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